

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A voltage and/or surge-current protector and grounding bar arrangement is provided for use with a BIX connector block having two rows of terminals which are laterally spaced with respect to each other so as to form a longitudinally extending channel therebetween. The arrangement includes a housing for receiving voltage and/or surge-current protector devices, four tip/ring terminal contacts, a ground contact and a disconnect arrangement. A grounding bar is disposed within the elongated opening of the BIX connector block and extends generally throughout the length thereof. The ground contact includes two prongs which extend vertically and externally of the housing for connection to a corresponding hole in the grounding bar. The disconnect arrangement allows for testing and line-servicing without removal of the voltage and/or surge-current protector devices from the BIX connector block.

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